

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### STAFF NOTE

#### Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board Appointment

#### Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 167.035

#### Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendation for appointment to the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board?

#### History/Background:

**Existing Policy.** KRS 167.035 directs the Kentucky Board of Education to appoint KSB Advisory Board members upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer. Currently, one of the five (5) positions is vacant due to a resignation.

#### Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale:

Staff recommends appointing Burt Boyer to the KSB Advisory Board. Mr. Boyer is a graduate of KSB and has served for many years in multiple states as a teacher, administrator and educator for students who are blind or visually impaired. Currently, Mr. Boyer is employed at the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville where he is developing a comprehensive process to identify, count and keep track of children who are blind or visually impaired across the country. Mr. Boyer has also served on various committees and work groups formed by the Kentucky Department of Education to improve educational services for blind and visually impaired students in the state.

#### Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The following groups were consulted for nominations. A positive response was provided for Mr. Boyer to be appointed to the KSB Advisory Board.

KSB Advisory Board Members

KSB Alumni Association

National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky

Kentucky Chapter, American Council of the Blind

Kentucky Chapter, Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired

KSB Parents

KSB School Based Decision Making Council  
Visually Impaired Preschool Services  
Kentucky Department for the Blind  
Kentucky Association of School Administrators

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